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- 1. FOR OUR GUIDANCE IN ASSISTING DE HAAN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF HIS INTERESTS.
- 2. ACCORDING TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS COMMITTEE'S RESPON-SIBILITY AND OF INTERNATIONAL DEFINITION, THERE ARE NO REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH CREATED BY RECENT EVENTS. THERE ARE THE NON-BENGALEES WHO ARE HOPING FOR ACCEIGANCE BY PAKISTAN BUT, DESPITE THE POLITICAL BASIS FOR THEIR PLIGHT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CONSIDERED REFUGEES IN ACCEPTED SENSE BY USG OR UNHCR. (FYI: STATE DEPARTMENT REFUGEE OFFICIAL IN REPORT SOME MONTHS AGO REFERRED TO UNHCR'S ROLE IN SUBCONTINENTAL REPATRIATION AS AN EXCEPTION TO ITS NORMAL FUNCTION. END FYI.) ASIDE FROM SOME BENGALEES WHO CROSSED INTO INDIA, MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE HERE HAS BEEN INTERNAL, WITH RECENT FOOD SHORTAGES INTENSIFYING THE TREND TOWARD URBANIZATION IN BANGLADESH. MOST OF THESE DESTITUTES HAVE EITHER GONE HOME OR, ALONG WITH OTHER SLUM DWELLERS, BEEN RESETTLED BY BDG AT A DISTANCE FROM DACCA. NEITHER THE NON-BENGALEES NOR INTERNAL MIGRANTS WOULD APPEAR TO BE REFUGEES IN ACCEPTED SENSE. **BOSTER**

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